

DX System User Guide



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Welcome

Thank you for buying the DX system. This system is produced by Minicom Advanced Systems Limited.

This document provides installation and operation instructions for Minicom's DX system. It is intended for system administrators and network managers, and assumes that readers have a general understanding of networks, hardware and software.

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1. Introduction

The DX system from Minicom is a superior solution for centralized KVM & Serial management.

The DX system combines the following four major functions:

- KVM switching and control
- Serial control
- Power management
- User management

The DX unifies the above functions using AIM (Advanced Integrated Management). AIM is an innovative embedded Graphical User Interface (GUI) that supplies advanced management functionality in a hardware-only based solution. AIM combines the management of all the above four functions within a single intuitive interface, for truly unified administration of your server environment.

The DX comes in 2 models for 4 or 8 users. Users can access and control multiple multi-platform computers from Keyboard Video Mouse (KVM) consoles. You can connect up to 32 devices - computers, Serial devices, KVM switches or more DX boxes (for cascading) - to either model.

1.1 Features

- Non-blocking user control of 4/8 users, for hundreds of servers
- Mixed multi-platform support: PS/2, SUN, USB and RS232
- Flexible remote IP access: Fit the IP mix to your needs and add IP users as your business grows.
- Built-in local computer access at every user station.
- CAT5/6/7 all-the-way technology, from server to user.

1.2 System components

- DX Switch 432 (4 users) or 832 (8 users)
- DX Users
- DX User IP (has it's own Guide)
- X Remote Interface Connection cables (XRICCs) – PS/2, SUN, USB, RS232
- Remote Interface Connection cables (RICC) – PS/2
- Cables - 3 in 1 CPU cable, RS232 Serial cable, Ethernet Crossover cable
- Rack mounts for the DX units and the XRICCs
- Minicom Flash USB key – containing Installation and Operating guides and Central unit firmware Update program

1.3 Compatibility

The DX is compatible with:

- PS/2, SUN and USB computers/servers
- VGA, SVGA, or XGA monitors
- Novell, LINUX, Windows, UNIX and other major operating systems

2. Pre-installation guidelines

- Switch off all computers/servers
- Place cables away from fluorescent lights, air conditioners, and machines that are likely to generate electrical noise
- The maximum distance between each device (computer, KVM switches or second level DX Central) and the DX Central is 100m/330ft. The maximum distance between the DX Central and the DX User is also 100m/330ft.

2.1 Avoiding general rack mounting problems

Elevated operating ambient temperature

The operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than the room ambient when installing into a closed or multi-unit rack assembly. So install the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum rated ambient temperature.

Reduced airflow

Install the equipment in a rack in such a way that the amount of airflow required for safe operation is not compromised. Leave a gap of at least 5cm/2" each side of the DX Central unit.

Mechanical loading

Mount the equipment in the rack in such a way that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.

Circuit overloading

When connecting the equipment to the supply circuit, consider the effect that overloading of circuits might have on over-current protection and supply wiring.

Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Give attention to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).

3. DX system outline

Figure 1 illustrates the basic outline of the DX system. The figure shows DX Users and devices connected to a DX Central unit.

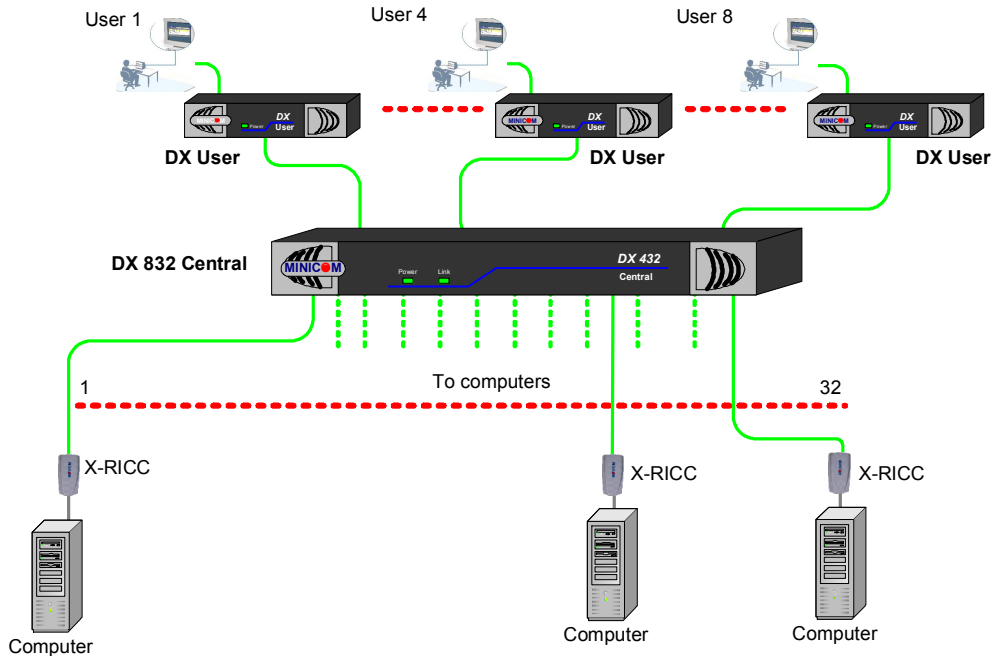


Figure 1 DX system outline

3.1 The DX Central

Figure 2 illustrates the front panel of the DX 832 Central unit. The DX 432 Central model has the same front panel.

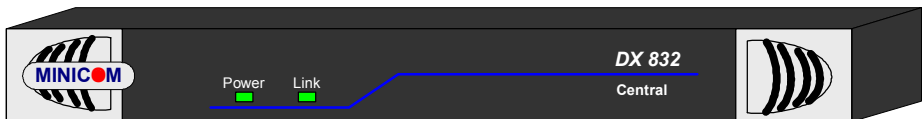


Figure 2 DX 832 Central front panel

3.1.1 DX Central LEDs

The LEDs on the front of the DX Central units are as follows:

LED	Function
Power	Power indicator
Link	Blinks when there's Ethernet activity

The figure below illustrates the rear panel of the DX 832 Central unit. The DX 432 Central model is the same but with only 4 User ports.

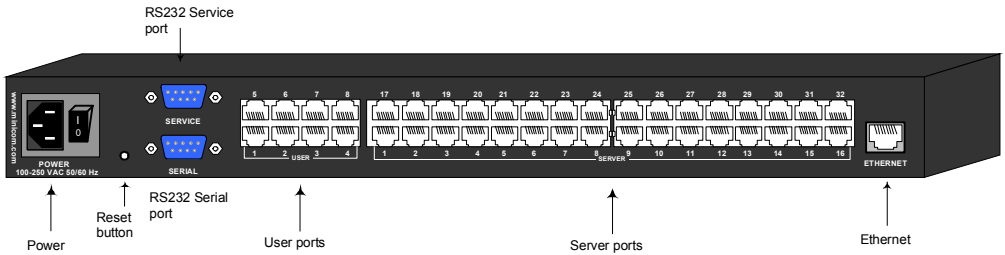


Figure 3 DX 832 Central unit rear panel

3.2 DX User units

Figure 4 illustrates the front panel of the DX User unit.

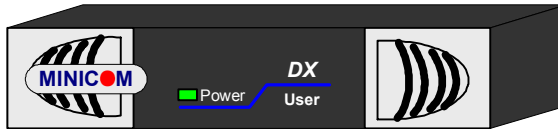


Figure 4 DX User front panel

The figure below illustrates the rear panel of the DX User unit.

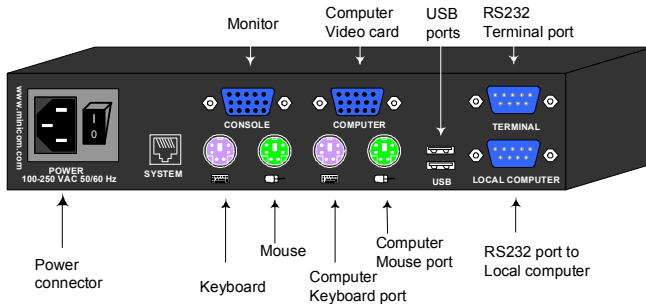


Figure 5 DX User rear panel ports

3.3 Rack mounting the DX central and User units

Use the L-shaped brackets and screws provided to mount the DX units on a server rack as illustrated below.

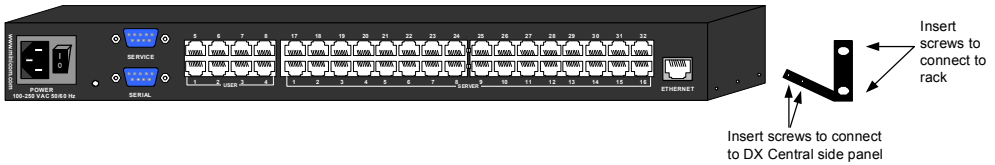


Figure 6 Connecting the L-shaped bracket

3.4 Rack mounting the XRICC

You can attach the XRICCs to a server rack or computer using the Velcro strips provided. Or connect it using the bracket provided.

The figure below illustrates the bracket. Use the screws that came with rack to connect the bracket to the rack. Once secured, clip the XRICC into the bracket.

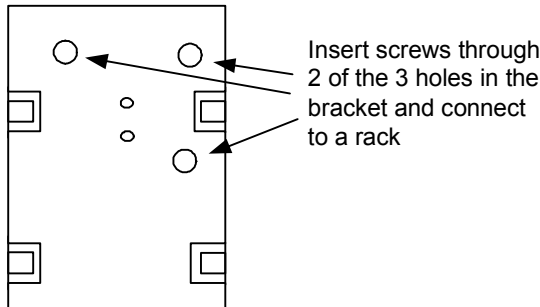


Figure 7 Rack mounting the XRICC

3.5 Rack mounting the RICCs

You can attach the RICCs to a server rack or computer using the Velcro strips provided. Or connect it using the bracket provided.

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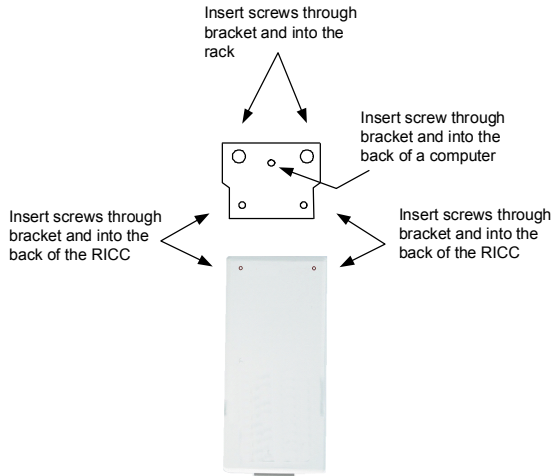


Figure 8 Rack mounting the RICC

4. Connecting the DX system

Connect the DX Users to the DX Central as illustrated in Figure 9 below.

To connect the units:

1. Connect a KVM console to the DX User's Console keyboard monitor and mouse ports.
2. Connect a CAT5 cable to the DX User's System port and to one of the DX Central's User ports.

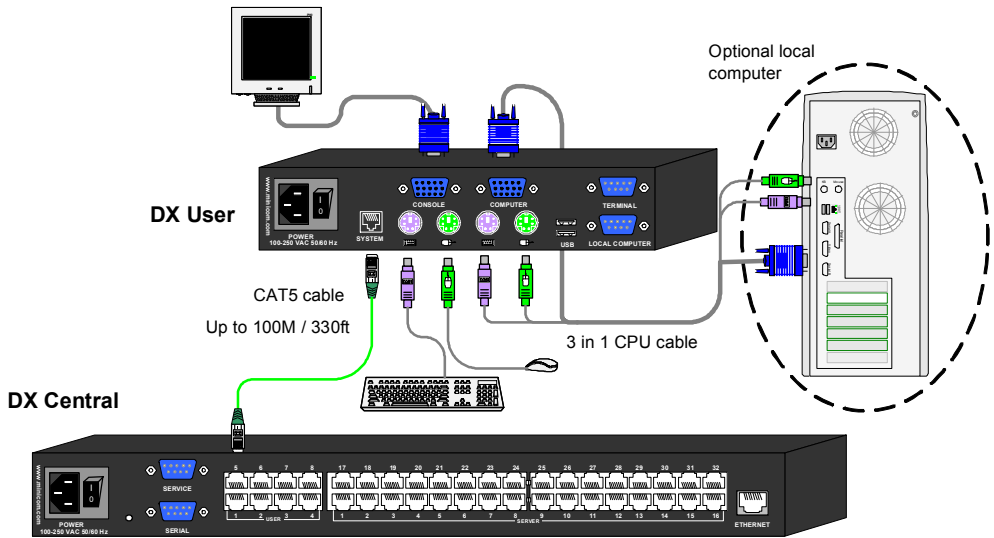


Figure 9 Connecting a DX User to the DX Central

4.1 Connecting an optional local computer to a DX User

A user can work on the DX system just with a KVM console. There is the option to connect a computer to the DX User unit. A user can then work locally on this computer.

To connect a local computer:

Connect a computer to the DX User using the 3 in 1 CPU cable, see Figure 9.

1. Connect the connectors of one end of the 3 in 1 CPU cable to the KVM Computer ports of the DX User.
2. Connect the connectors of other end of the 3 in 1 CPU cable to the KVM ports of the computer.

4.2 Connecting servers to the DX Central

You use RICCs PS/2 or XRICCs and CAT5 cables to connect servers/devices to the DX Central. There are 4 types of XRICC:

PS/2, USB, SUN and RS232.

4.3 XRICC power supply

The XRICCs PS/2 and SUN draw their power from the computer's keyboard port. The XRICC USB draws its power from the USB port. The XRICC RS232 gets its power either from a Power adapter or the USB port.

Figure 10 illustrates the different types of XRICCs connected to the DX Central. How to connect the different XRICCs follows in detail below.

DX Central

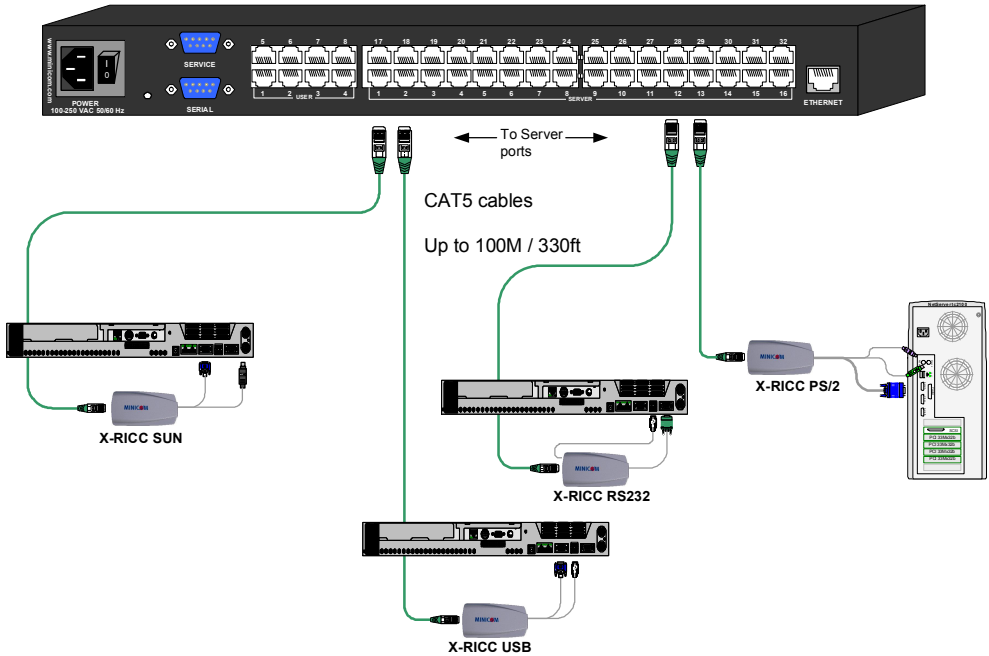


Figure 10 DX system connections

4.4 Connecting a RICC or XRICC PS/2

Figure 11 illustrates the connections.

To connect the RICC or XRICC PS/2:

1. Connect the Screen connector to the computer's Video card.
2. Connect the Keyboard connector to the computer's Keyboard port.
3. Connect the Mouse connector to the computer's Mouse port.

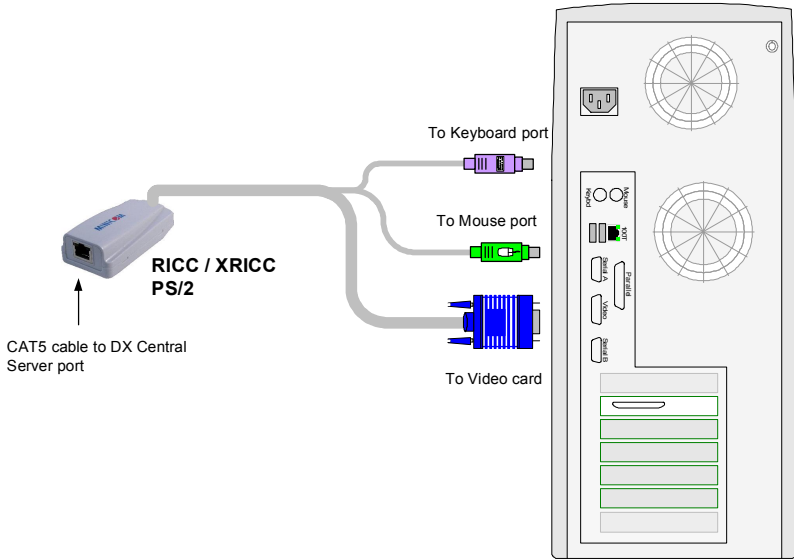


Figure 11 RICC / XRICC PS/2

4.5 Connecting an XRICC SUN

Figure 12 illustrates the connections.

To connect the XRICC SUN:

1. Connect the Screen connector to the server's Video card.
2. Connect the Keyboard connector to the server's Keyboard port.

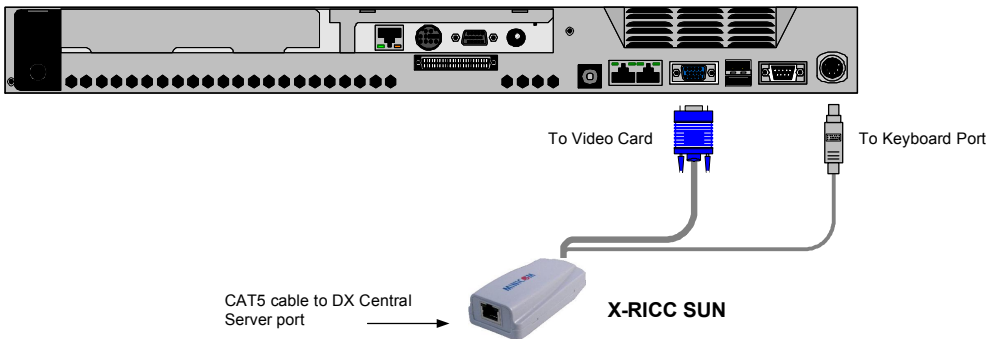


Figure 12 XRICC SUN

4.6 Connecting an XRICC USB

The XRICC USB supports Windows 98 SE and later, MAC, SUN and SGI. Figure 13 illustrates the connections.

To connect the XRICC USB:

1. Connect the Screen connector to the server's Video card.
2. Connect the USB connector to the server's USB port.

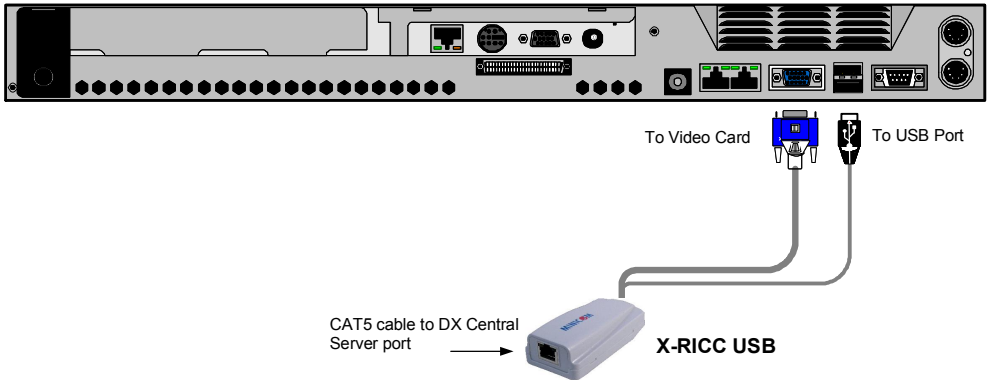


Figure 13 XRICC USB

4.7 Connecting an XRICC RS232

Figure 14 illustrates the connections.

To connect the XRICC RS232:

1. Connect the RS232 connector to the server's RS232 port.
2. For power connect either:

A USB cable to the XRICC and the server's USB port.

Or

A Power adapter to the XRICC.

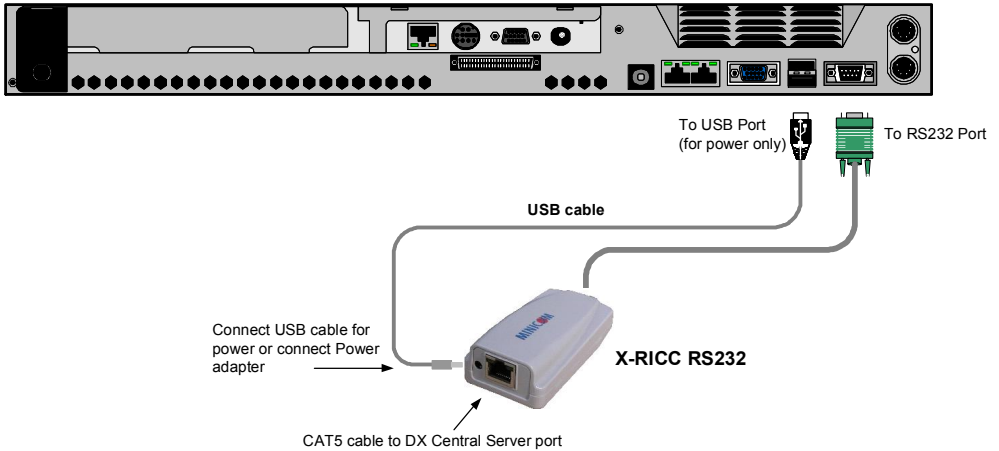


Figure 14 X-RICC RS232

4.8 Connecting the CAT5 cables

1. Connect one connector to the XRICCs RJ45 port – see Figure 10.
2. Connect the other connector to one of the DX Central's Server ports.
3. Follow the above 2 steps for each server/device.

Note: You can turn on the devices after connecting the XRICCs to them and before connecting to the DX Central. The X-RICC performs KB/M emulation the moment it connects to the device and the power is turned on.

4.9 Connecting the DX User to an RS232 Terminal

When there are X-RICC RS232s in the DX system, you can control the RS232 devices through an RS232 terminal connected to the DX User units.

When a computer is connected to the DX User, you can control the RS232 servers via the DX's Terminal software OR optional RS232 terminal.

4.9.1 Connecting the RS232 terminal

Connect the RS232 terminal to the DX User as illustrated in the figures below.

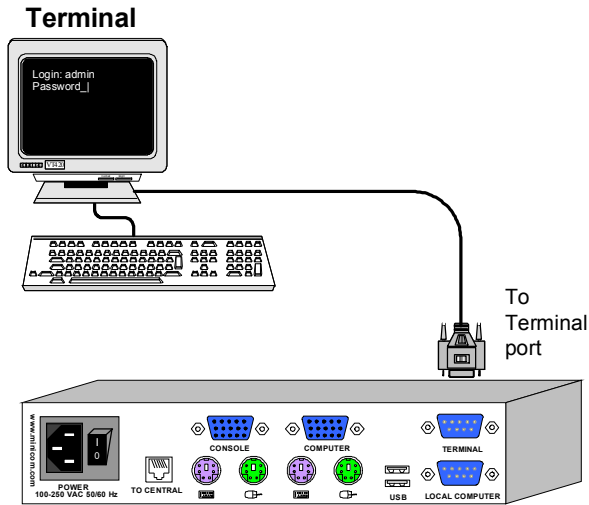


Figure 15 Connecting the RS232 terminal

The table below shows the RS232 Serial cable 9 PIN D-SUB Male pin-out.

Pin	Signal	Description	Pin	Signal	Description
1	CD	Carrier Detect	6	DSR	Data Set Ready
2	RxD	Receive Data	7	RTS	Request to Send
3	TxD	Transmit Data	8	CTS	Clear to Send
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready	9	RI	Ring Indicator
5	GND	System Ground			

5. Power management

You can connect a Power management device to the DX Central; the DX Users can then power devices on and off.

Connect the Power management device to the Serial port of the DX Central using the Serial cable provided with the Power management device.

Connect the Power management device to each device by following the instructions in the Power management device User Guide.

6. Connecting Legacy KVM switches

You can cascade Legacy KVM switches by connecting an XRICC PS/2 or RICC PS/2 to the switch.

To cascade a non-DX KVM switch:

1. Connect an XRICC PS/2 or RICC PS/2 to the User ports of the KVM switch.
2. Connect a CAT5 cable to the Server port of the DX Central.
3. Connect the other end of the CAT5 cable to the XRICC PS/2. The configuration process is explained at the beginning of the DX System Operating Guide.

To connect devices to the KVM switch, follow the connection instructions in the User Guide of the KVM switch.

7. Cascading DX Central units

When you need to connect more than 32 servers/devices you can cascade the DX system by adding more DX Centrals.

For DX systems with only 1 DX Central, skip to section 8 on page 2.

In a cascaded scenario, the DX Centrals communicate via Ethernet using TCP/IP signals. For this you must assign IP addresses to each DX Central and provide TCP/IP connectivity between them. Cascaded DX Centrals must be on the same subnet to communicate with each other.

For up to 56 servers/devices you can connect 2 DX Centrals (8 Users model) with the supplied Ethernet Crossover cable. To cascade more than 2 DX Centrals, the DX Centrals must be connected to a network hub/ Ethernet switch. Ethernet connectivity is essential for the proper operation of the system and is in addition to the dedicated CAT5 cables for KVM signals. Sections 7.1 and 7.2 illustrate these connections.

You must also connect one CAT5 cable per DX User to a User port of a secondary level DX Central and a Server port of the primary DX Central - see Figure 16 and Figure 17 and section 7.5 on page 2. These cables are used to carry the keyboard, mouse and video signals from a server to the user station.

When a user clicks on the icon of a server, the primary DX Central sends a command to the secondary DX Central via the Ethernet port to route the KVM signals to one of the available User ports.

7.1 Connecting with an Ethernet Crossover cable

To connect a secondary level DX Central with an Ethernet Crossover cable:

Connect the Ethernet Crossover cable connectors to the Ethernet ports of the 2 DX Centrals units, as illustrated in Figure 16.

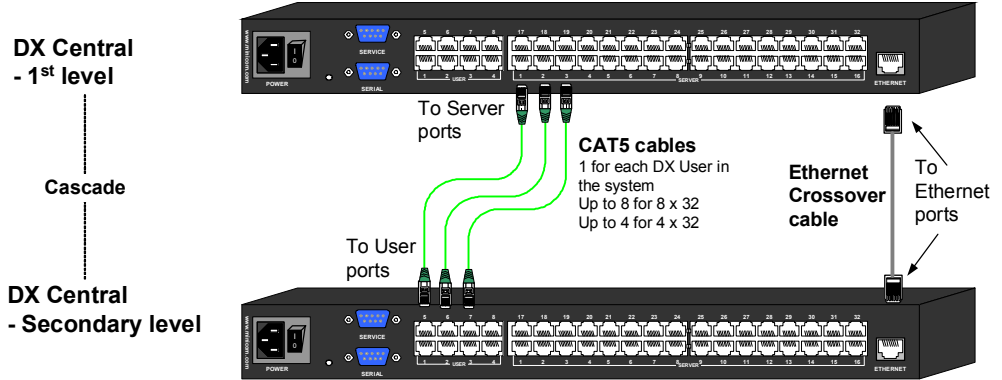
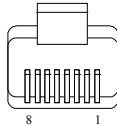


Figure 16 Cascaded DX Central units connected with a Crossover cable

The table below shows the Ethernet RJ 45 Connector pin-out.



Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	TX +	5	Not connected
2	TX -	6	RX -
3	RX +	7	Not connected
4	Not connected	8	Not connected

7.2 Connecting to a network hub/switch

To connect to a network hub/switch:

Connect Ethernet Straight cables to the Ethernet ports of the DX Centrals units, as illustrated in Figure 17.

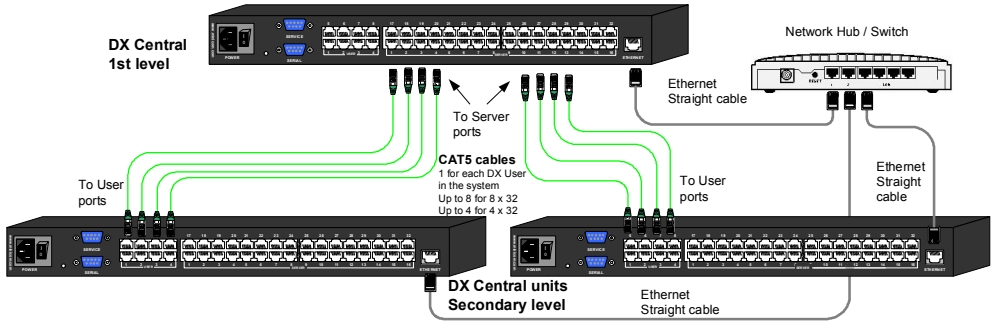


Figure 17 Cascaded DX Central units connected to a hub/switch

7.3 Configuring the primary and slave units

After connecting the cascaded DX Centrals you must configure them to be primary or slave (secondary level) units.

To do so, connect a DX User to the each DX Central – primary and slave, as explained above in section 4 on page 2. (Where you don't have enough DX Users for all the slaves, after configuring one slave connect the DX User to the next slave.)

Power on the DX units in the following order:

1. Primary DX Central.
2. Slave/s DX Central(s).
3. The DX User connected to the primary DX Central.

The Configuration wizard appears on the DX User's monitor, see Figure 18.

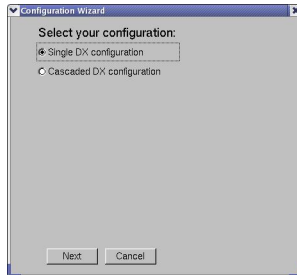


Figure 18 Configuration Wizard

1. Check **Cascaded DX configuration**.
2. Click **Next**. The DX Network Configuration box appears. See Figure 19.

Figure 19 DX Network Configuration

Here you configure the DX Central's network settings.

All DX Centrals come with the following predefined settings:

- IP Address: 192.168.0.245
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
3. If the above predefined settings are not suitable for your network, type suitable parameters into the DX Network Configuration box.
 4. Click **Next**. The Define DX status box appears. See Figure 20.

Figure 20 Define DX status box

5. Select Primary unit and click **Next**.
6. Click **Finish**. The Login screen appears.

Before logging in you must configure the slaves.

7. Power on the DX User connected to a slave DX Central. The Configuration wizard appears as set out above.
8. Check **Cascaded DX configuration** and click **Next**. The DX Network Configuration box appears. See Figure 19.

9. The DX Central slave must have a different IP address than the primary DX Central, but it must be on the same subnet. Type suitable network parameters for the DX Central slave into the DX Network Configuration box.
10. Click **Next**. The Define DX status box appears. See Figure 20.
11. Select Slave and click **Next**. The following box appears.

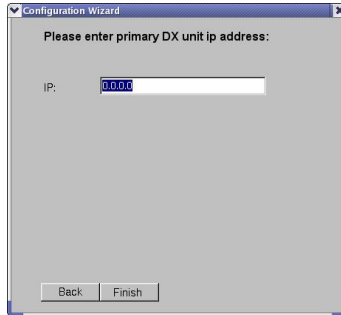


Figure 21 Primary DX unit IP address box

12. Type in the IP address of the primary DX Central unit.
 13. Click **Finish**. The Login screen appears.
 14. Power off the DX User and disconnect it from the slave.
- Repeat the above procedure for each slave, and give each one a unique IP address.

7.4 Changing the cascade status

The Configuration wizard only appears automatically the first time you connect and switch on a DX Central. When you change the cascade status of the DX system, e.g. by adding or removing an already configured DX Central, you configure the new cascade status in the same way as above, by connecting a DX User to the newly added DX Central. You then invoke the Configuration wizard from the Settings window. This is explained on page 2 – (**Configure cascade options**).

7.5 Connecting the DX Users when cascading

Once all the slaves are configured, connect all DX Users to the primary DX Central.

For each DX User in the system connect a CAT5 cable from the primary DX Central Server port to each DX Central secondary level User port. Figure 16 shows the CAT5 cables for 1 cascaded DX Central. Figure 17 shows CAT5 cables for 2 cascaded DX Centrals.

7.6 Connecting servers/devices in a cascaded system

You can connect servers/devices to any available Server port on any level DX Central.

8. Powering on the system

The devices and servers can be powered on at any time. Power on the DX components in the following order:

1. The primary and secondary level DX Centrals.
2. The DX Users.

9. Configuration wizard (non-DX cascaded system)

For cascaded DX systems, skip to section 10.

The first time the system is connected and powered on, the Configuration Wizard box appears on the screen of the DX User. See Figure 22.

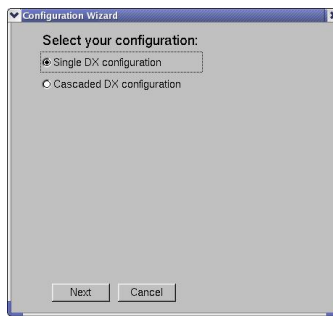


Figure 22 Configuration Wizard box

1. Click Single DX configuration.
2. Click **Next**, then click **Finish**. The Login screen appears, see below.

10. Logging in

Once the system is connected and powered on, the Login screen appears on the monitor of each DX User. See Figure 23.



Figure 23 Login screen

Type the default username '**admin**' and password '**admin**' (case sensitive). The Servers window appears. See Figure 24. The screen initially shows no devices. To display the devices the system must be configured, as explained below.

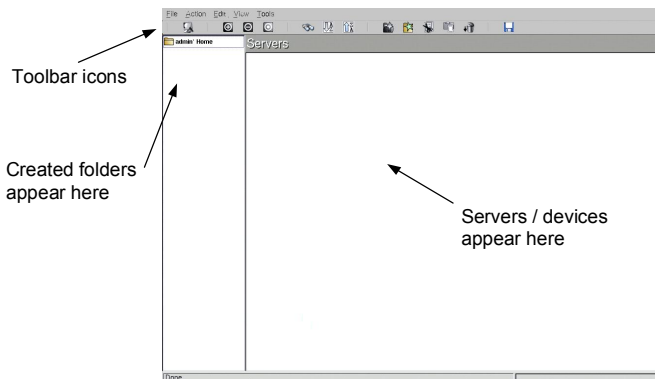


Figure 24 Servers window

11. Configuring the DX system

You must configure the system by inputting details of each server / device connected to each DX Central. This is done in the DX System Configuration window.

From the View menu choose DX System Configuration. The DX System Configuration window appears. See Figure 25.

Note! Any change made to the DX system topology will automatically log out all other users from the system.

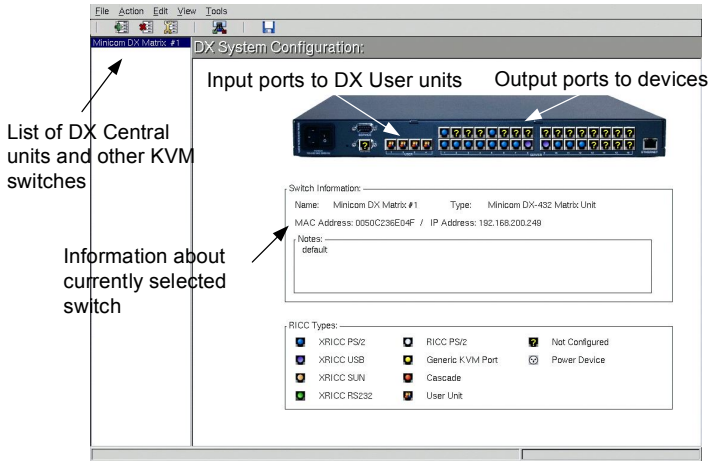


Figure 25 DX System Configuration window

The above figure shows the rear ports of a DX Central unit. You can view the rear ports of all DX Central units and Legacy switches connected to the system by clicking a switch from the list on the left.


After configuring the system, the ports appear color coded as outlined by the list of RICC Types. So a connected PS/2 type server will show up as a blue circle. When placing the mouse cursor over a configured port the name of the device connected to that port appears.

11.1 Auto detecting system components

The DX system can auto detect DX User units and the RICC / XRICC types of servers / devices connected to a DX Central. Once detected, the ports on the picture of the DX Central unit – see Figure 25 – change color to reflect the connected devices. You perform auto detect from the DX System Configuration window.

Note! Auto detect does not detect cascaded DX Central units, Legacy switches or power devices.

To perform auto detect:

1. From the toolbar, click . A prompt appears.
2. Click OK. Auto detect activates. When completed the newly color coded ports reflect the connected devices.

11.1.1 General information about Auto detect

Each device auto-detected receives a default name e.g. 1Server01.

All devices have the default timeout period of 60 seconds. When a server is accessed, after 60 seconds of inaction another user may take control of the server or the present user can regain control by moving the mouse or typing on the keyboard. You can change this timeout period.

All devices have the default keyboard mode set to PS/2 for Intel based computers. You must change this setting for other device types.

To change any of the above parameters for a device:

1. Click the devices output port on the picture of the switch. The General tab of the Computer Port Configuration box appears, see Figure 46.

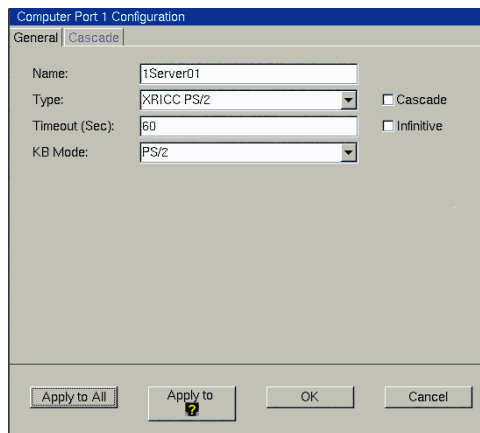


Figure 26 Computer Port Configuration box

The General tab elements

Name – Type a name for the connected device, e.g. Fax server. This name appears below the device in the Servers window.

Type – With Autodetect the appropriate XRICC type connected to the port appears here.

Note!

With an XRICC RS232 type, a Terminal button appears. See Figure 27. Click the button. Terminal settings appear. Input the correct terminal settings according to the device parameters you wish to connect to. Click the Terminal button to close the Terminal settings.

Computer Port 1 Configuration

General Cascade

Name: 1Server01

Type: XRICC RS232

Timeout (Sec): 60 ☐ Infinite

Terminal Settings

Baud Rate: 9600

Parity: None

Data Bits: 8

Stop Bits: 1

Flow Control: None

Apply to All Apply to OK Cancel

Figure 27 RS232 Terminal settings

Timeout – Type a timeout period or check the **Infinite** box to disable the timeout feature.

KB Mode – Select the appropriate keyboard mode. By default the keyboard mode is set to PS/2 for Intel based computers.

For other systems set the KB mode as follows:

- U1 for HP UX
- U2 for Alpha UNIX, SGI, Open VMS
- U3 for IBM AIX

11.2 Applying changes

In general, to apply changes you may have the following 3 options.

(A) To apply the changes to the selected port click **OK**.

(B) To apply the changes to all un-configured ports click




(C) To apply the changes to all ports, click **Apply to All**.

Note! A name given to a connected device will only be given to the device of the port being configured and will not be applied to all.

11.2.1 Configuring individual input ports

Configure the input ports to display the DX User icon.

To configure the input ports:

1. On the picture of the switch in the DX System Configuration window, click an input port . The Configuration box appears see Figure 28.

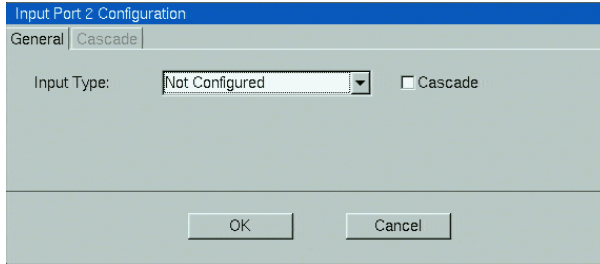


Figure 28 Configuration box

2. **Input Type** - From the menu select User Unit. The Configuration box now appears as in Figure 29.

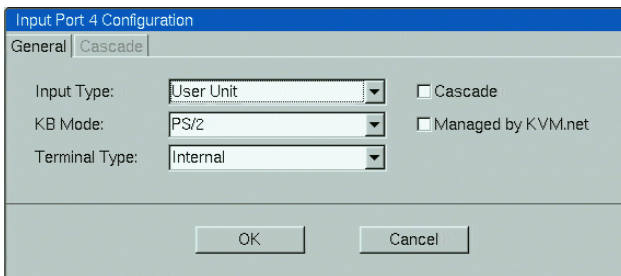


Figure 29 Configuration box

3. **KB Mode** – This setting refers to the operating system of an optional local computer connected to a DX User. When there is no local computer you can ignore this setting.

The system operates with all major operating systems. By default the KB mode is set to PS/2 which is suitable for most operating systems.

Listed below is the keyboard mode for particular UNIX systems:

- U1 for HP UX
- U2 for Alpha UNIX, SGI, Open VMS
- U3 for IBM AIX

Set the KB mode according to above list.

4. **Terminal Type** – For RS232 devices in the DX system, the DX User can control them via a terminal emulation window. To operate the RS232 devices with the DX built-in terminal software – select Internal. Where a Serial cable connects a computer to the DX User and the emulation software is installed in the computer, or when using an external Terminal – select External.

5. The **Cascade** box is explained in the section below.

6. **Managed by KVM.net** – Where a DX User is connected to a Smart IP Access, check the box so that the DX system can be managed by KVM.net.

11.3 Cascaded DX Central units

Figure 30 illustrates cascaded DX Centrals.

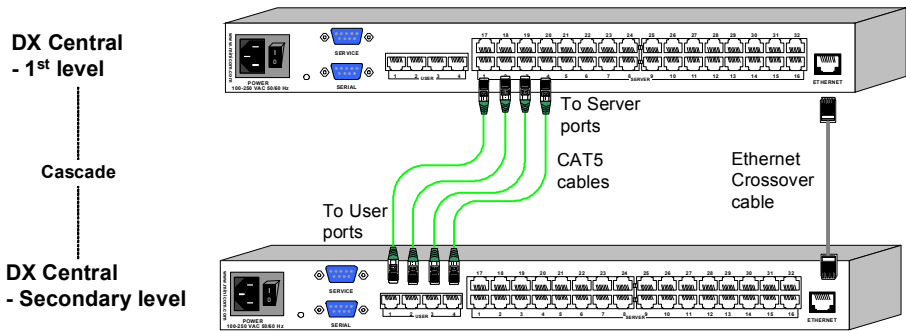


Figure 30 Example of cascaded DX Central units

You must input connections details of the cascaded DX Centrals. You can do this in 2 possible ways.

- (A) At the higher level DX Central, configure the cascaded Server ports.
- (B) At the lower level DX Central, configure the cascaded User ports.

Method A - higher level DX Central

1. From the list of DX switches, click the higher level DX Central. A figure of its ports appears.

Note! An alternative method to steps 2-6 is set out in the bordered wording below.

2. On the figure of the DX Central, click a Server port that is cascaded to the lower level DX Central. In the example in Figure 30 click Server port 1. The Port Configuration box appears.
3. Tick the Cascade box and click the Cascade tab. Figure 31 appears.

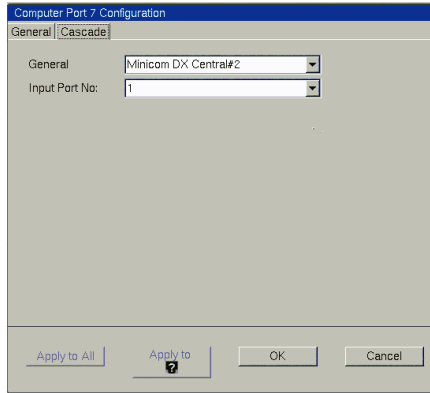


Figure 31 Cascade tab

4. **General** – From the drop-down menu select the lower level DX Central.
5. **Input port No:** – From the drop-down menu select the lower level User port the upper level Server port is connected to. For example in Figure 30 Server port 1 is connected to User port 1.
6. Click OK.

Do the above for each cascaded Server port.

After step 1 above, you can achieve the same result by doing the following:



From the toolbar click . The DX Central Properties box appears. Click the Cascade Outputs tab. Figure 32 appears.

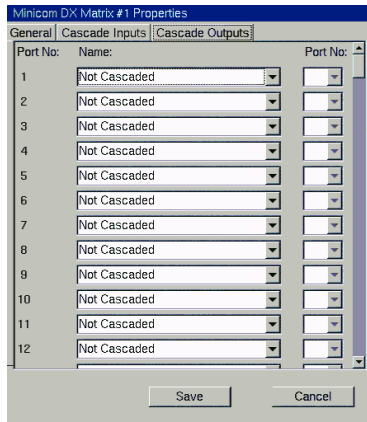


Figure 32 Cascade Outputs

(Left) Port No: - This is the Server port number.

Name – From the drop-down menu select the lower level DX Central.

(Right) Port No: - From the drop-down menu select the lower level User port the upper level Server port is connected to.

Do the above for each cascaded Server port.

Click Save.

Method B - lower level DX Central

1. From the list of DX switches, click the lower level DX Central. A figure of its ports appears.

Note! An alternative method to steps 2-6 is set out in the bordered wording below.

2. Click a User port cascaded to the higher level DX Central. The Port Configuration box appears.
3. Tick the Cascade box and click the Cascade tab. Figure 33 appears.

Figure 33 Cascade tab

4. **Device Name** – From the drop-down menu select the higher level DX Central.
5. **Output port No:** – From the drop-down menu select the higher level Server port the lower level User port is connected to. For example in Figure 30 User port 1 is connected to Server port 1.
6. Click OK.

Do the above for each cascaded User port.

After step 1 above, you can achieve the same result by doing the following:



From the toolbar click . The DX Central Properties box appears. Click the Cascade Inputs tab. Figure 34 appears.

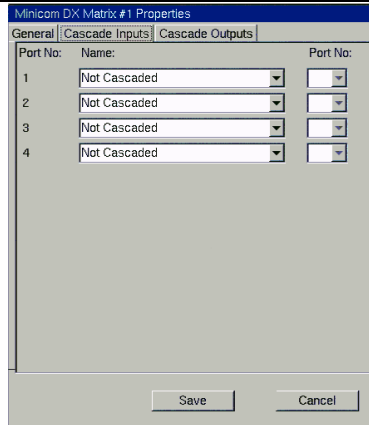


Figure 34 Cascade Inputs

(Left) Port No: - This refers to the User port numbers.

Name – From the drop-down menu select the higher level DX Central this User port cascades to.

(Right) Port No: - From the drop-down menu select the higher level Server port the lower level User port is connected to.

Do the above for each cascaded User port.

Click Save.




Do the above for each cascaded port.

Click OK.

11.4 Cascaded Legacy switches

Where you have cascaded Legacy switches in the DX system, you must configure them in the DX System Configuration window.

The table below explains the Toolbar buttons used for adding editing and deleting Legacy switches.

Button	Function
	Add KVM device
	Delete KVM device
	Edit KVM device

11.4.1 Adding a Legacy switch

To add a new Legacy switch:

Click . The Add New KVM Device box appears. See Figure 35.

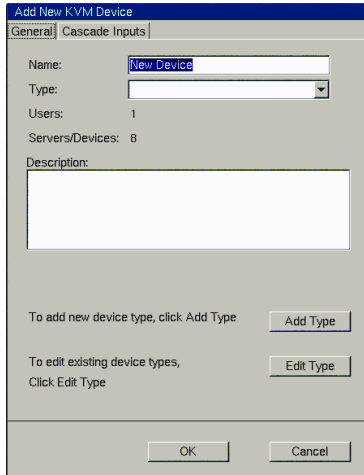


Figure 35 Add New KVM Device box

The General tab elements

Name – Type an identifying name for the new Legacy switch.

Type – From the Drop-down list select the new device type. If it doesn't appear in the list, it can be added (explained below - **Adding a Legacy switch type**).

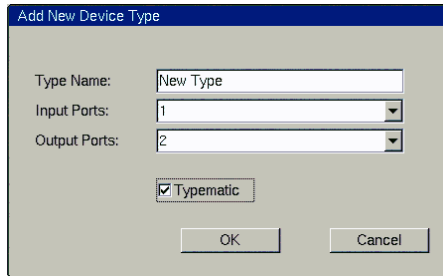
Users / Servers – Displays the maximum number of users and servers for the device selected.

Description – type a description of the device. This will appear in the **Description** box in the DX System Configuration window when the switch is selected. See Figure 25.

Adding a Legacy switch type

To add a type of device that does not appear in the Type Drop-down menu:

1. Click . The Add New Device Type box appears. See Figure 36.



The dialog box is titled "Add New Device Type". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Type Name:** A text input field containing "New Type".
- Input Ports:** A dropdown menu showing "1".
- Output Ports:** A dropdown menu showing "2".
- Typematic:** A checkbox that is checked.
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.

Figure 36 Add New Device Type box

2. Type a name for the Legacy switch type (This is not the same as the Name field in Figure 35. This is name of the switch type that will appear in the Type drop-down menu in Figure 35).
3. Select the number of input and output ports in the Legacy switch. Figure 37 below illustrates input and output ports. The input ports connect to a RICC or XRICC and the output ports connect to the servers.

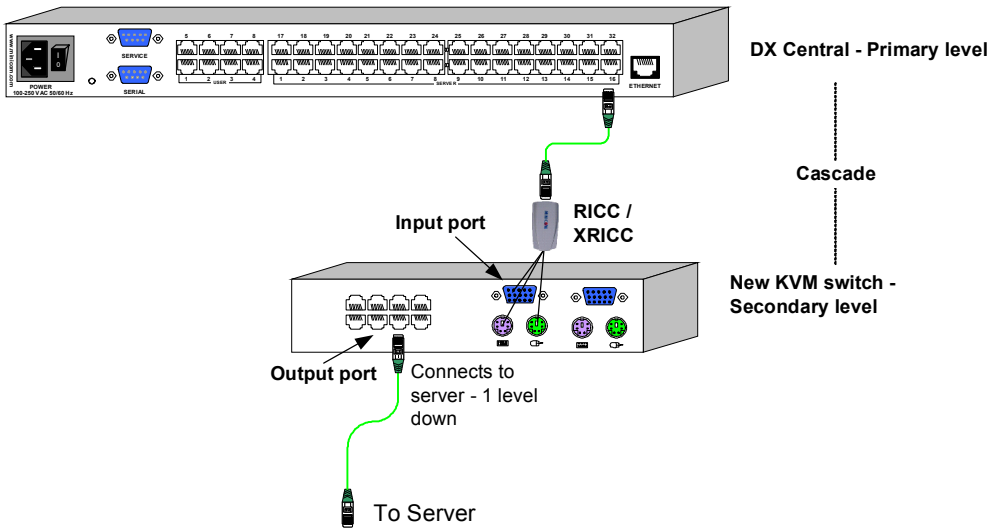


Figure 37 Input and output ports

4. **Typematic** – This is used to help define the Legacy switch's access hotkey. Where the access hotkey requires you to press and release a key before pressing a further key, the Typematic box should be unchecked. Where the access hotkey requires you to press and hold down a key and then press a further key, tick the Typematic box.
5. Click OK. The new type is added to the Type Drop-down menu.
6. Select the new device type.

11.4.2 Editing a Legacy switch type

To change the number of input and output ports for a Legacy switch type:

1. Click **Edit Type**. The currently selected device Properties box opens. See Figure 38.

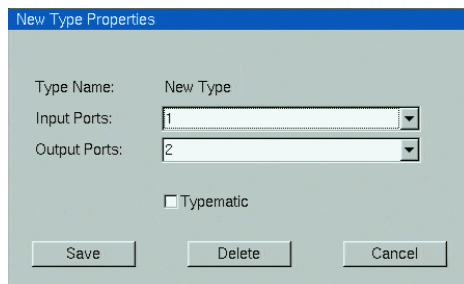



Figure 38 Properties box

2. Change the number of input/output ports (see Figure 37), check or uncheck Typematic as necessary and click **Save**.

Note!

From the DX System Configuration window you can edit a Legacy switch type by selecting it from the list of switches and from the Toolbar pressing .

11.4.3 The Cascade Inputs tab elements

Configure the cascaded input ports of the Legacy switch. You do this by selecting from a menu the DX Central to which it is cascaded e.g. primary or secondary level DX Central. Also you select the DX Central's Server port number the Legacy switch is connected to.

There are 2 ways to do this

- (A) By configuring the cascaded input ports of the Legacy switch.
- (B) By configuring the cascaded output ports of the relevant DX Central.

Once you configure the ports on 1 level, you do not have to configure the ports on the other level.

Method A

In the Add New KVM Device box Figure 35, click the Cascade Inputs tab. Figure 39 appears.

Port No.	Name:	Port No:
1	Minicom DX Matrix #1	2
2	Minicom DX Matrix #1	4
3	Not Cascaded	

Figure 39 Cascade Inputs box

Left **Port No.** A row appears for each input port of the Legacy switch.

Name – From the Drop-down list select the DX Central to which the switch is cascaded 1 level up.

Right **Port No** – Select the Server port number of the 1 level up DX Central to which the switch is connected.

Do the above for each cascaded port.

Click OK.

Note! You can configure the cascade inputs by clicking the User ports on the figure of the Legacy switch. See Figure 41.

Method B

1. On the picture of the DX Central click the output port that cascades to Legacy switch. The General tab of the Computer Port Configuration box appears.
2. Click the Cascade checkbox to un-gray the Cascade tab.
3. Click the Cascade tab. The Cascade box appears see Figure 40.

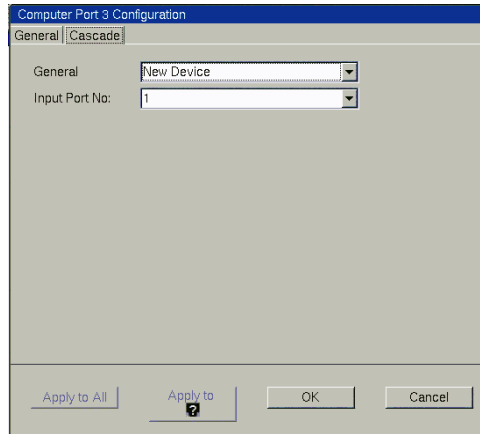


Figure 40 Cascade box

General – Select the cascaded Legacy switch from the Drop-down list.

Input Port No – Select the input port number of the Legacy switch that connects to the DX Central.

Save changes.

11.4.4 Configuring the server ports

Configure the server ports of cascaded Legacy switches. You must give each server an identifying name and select the appropriate XRICC type and keyboard mode. You must also type the appropriate KVM switch access hotkey to the server.

To configure the server ports:

1. In the DX Configuration window, click the desired Legacy switch from the list, see Figure 41. A figure of the switch ports appears.

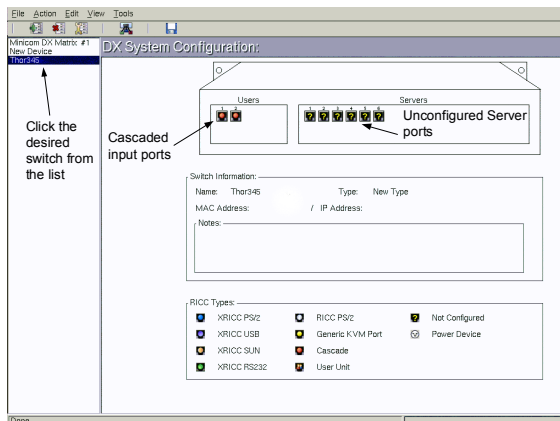


Figure 41 Legacy switch configuration

- Click a Server port. The Computer port configuration box appears, see Figure 42.

Figure 42 Computer port configuration box

Name – Type a name for the connected device, it appears below the device in the Servers window.

Type – Select Generic KVM port.

Timeout – You can change the timeout period or check the **Infinite** box to disable the timeout feature.

KB Mode – Select the appropriate keyboard mode. By default the keyboard mode is set to PS/2 for Intel based computers.

For the other systems set the KB mode as follows:

- U1 for HP UX
- U2 for Alpha UNIX, SGI, Open VMS
- U3 for IBM AIX

Hotkey - When configuring the output ports of a Legacy switch you must define the hotkey to access the server. See the switch's User guide for the correct hotkey.

To input the hotkey:

- Click **Define**. The HotKey keyboard appears. See Figure 43

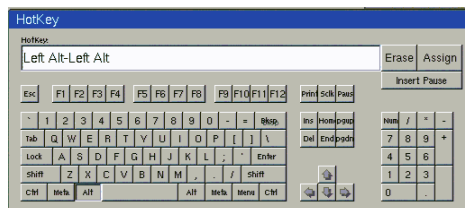


Figure 43 HotKey keyboard

2. Press the hotkey keys on your physical keyboard or on the soft keyboard. The keys appear in the HotKey box. Some KVM switches may require a pause or two between the hotkey keys. Use the **Insert Pause** button to add pauses.
3. Click **Assign**. The hotkey is assigned.

Note! For hotkeys that require a key to be continually pressed see the Typematic paragraph on page 2.

11.4.5 Deleting a Legacy switch

To delete a Legacy switch:

Select the desired switch from the list in the DX Configuration window.

Click . Or click  then press .

11.5 Configuring a Power management device

When a Power management device is connected to the DX Central Serial port you must configure it in the DX Configuration window.

To configure the Power management device:

Click the Serial port on the picture of the DX Central. The Power Device Settings box appears see Figure 44.

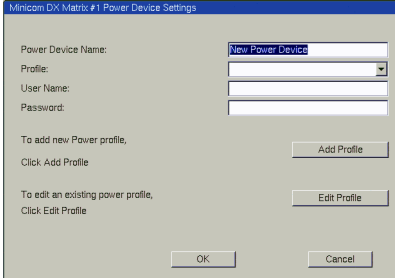


Figure 44 Power Device Settings

The Power device settings box elements

Power Device Name – Type an identifying name for the Power device.

Profile – Choose the type of Power device from the Drop-down list. Where the Power device type does not appear, you can add a Power profile – explained below.

User Name / Password – where the Power device requires a User Name and Password, type them here.

Click OK.

11.5.1 Adding a new Power profile

To add new Power profile:

Click **Add Profile**. The Add New Power Profile box appears, see Figure 45. The information you need to type should be in the Power device instructions.

Figure 45 Add New Power Profile box

The Add New Power profile box elements

Power Profile Name - Give the profile a name.

Sockets No – Type the number of power sockets in the device.

Session Start/End. Power On/Off. Reboot – For this information see the power device instructions.

Baud rate/Parity/Data Bits/Stop Bits/Flow Control - For this information see the power device instructions.

Cascadable – When there are more of the same Power devices in the system, tick this box. Then choose the number of cascaded Power devices from the drop-down list.

Click Save to return to the Power device settings window. The added profile appears in the list of profiles.

To edit a profile click **Edit Profile**. The Edit profile window appears –it has the same elements as the Add New Power profile. Make the desired changes and click Save.

11.5.2 Configuring the connected servers

You need to configure the Computer ports to show the connection to the Power device.

To configure the Computer ports:

1. Click a Computer port (connected to the Power device) on the picture of the switch. The Computer Port Configuration box appears.
2. Click the Power tab, the following appears.

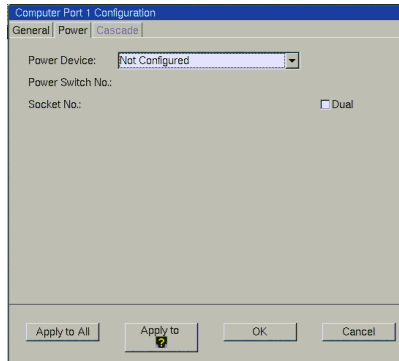


Figure 46 Power tab

Power Device – Select the Power device from the drop-down menu. Drop-down menus for the Power switch No and Socket No appear.

Power switch No – When there is more than 1 cascaded Power device, type the cascade level of the device that this output port connects to.

Socket No – Select the socket number of the Power device that the port connects to.

Dual – Where a server has a dual power and requires 2 power sockets, tick the Dual checkbox. A second set of Power configuration Drop-down menus appears, see Figure 47. Make the selections as described above.

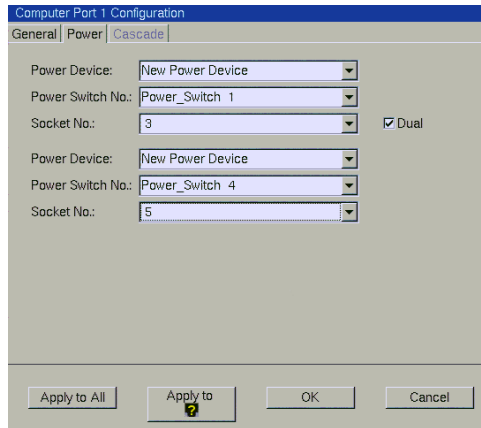


Figure 47 Dual Power devices

3. Save changes.

11.6 Other settings to configure

From the Tools menu click Settings, the Settings window appears. See Figure 48.

Important!

Some of the elements in this window must be configured **BEFORE** using the DX system. Failure to do so will make the system inoperative. Each section of the window is explained below.

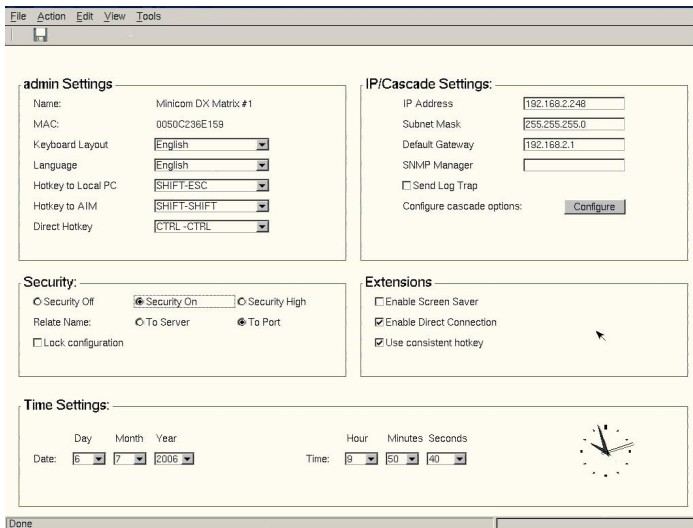


Figure 48 Settings window

11.6.1 Admin (User name) Settings

(The title of this section reflects the current user's name.)

Name – Name given to the DX Central the DX User connects to. In a cascaded configuration this would be the name of the primary DX Central.

MAC – MAC address of the above DX Central.

Keyboard Layout- Select your keyboard layout, English, French or German.

Language - Select your language - English, French German or Italian. When saved the menus and other text appear in the chosen language.

Hotkey to Local PC – Choose a hotkey to access a local PC connected to the DX Central. You can toggle between the local PC and DX system by pressing this hotkey.

To choose a hotkey select one of the options from the drop-down men.

Hotkey to AIM – Once you have logged into the DX system and you are switched to a device you can invoke the DX Management (AIM) screen by pressing **Shift, Shift**. Where you have cascaded KVM switches in the DX system, the **Shift, Shift** hotkey may be assigned as the access hotkey of a particular KVM switch. You should therefore change the hotkey to invoke the AIM.

To change the hotkey choose one of the options from the drop-down menu.

Direct Hotkey – This is a hotkey used to switch directly from one server screen to another. The hotkeys appear in the Details view of the Servers window - see page 2. For example while accessing server 1, you want to switch to server 3, press the (default) hotkey Ctrl, Ctrl, 3, Enter. You switch to server 3. As with the AIM hotkey above, you may need to change the Ctrl, Ctrl hotkey if it is used as an access hotkey for a cascaded KVM switch.

To change the hotkey choose one of the options from the drop-down menu.

See also **Enable Direct Connection** on page 2 below.

11.6.2 Security

You have a choice of security levels ranging from off to high.

Security Off – When checked, there is no login screen. All Users have full access and control to all devices including power devices.

To change to a different security option, you must login as an Administrator. To display the login screen:

From the File menu choose **Log off**. The Login screen appears and the Administrator can enter his password.

Security On – When checked Users must login to access the AIM.

Security High – When checked Users must login every time they connect to a server/device.

Relate name – You can relate the name of each device to either the Server or Port. When related to the Server, the device can be connected to any DX Central Server port, without the need to reconfigure the port.

When related to the Port, the DX system will only recognize the device when connected to the original Server port it was connected to. Connecting to any other DX Central Server port requires the new port to be configured.

Lock configuration – When checked, the system will only recognize the current devices configured. Any changes in the devices physically connected will not be recognized by the system.

Note: **Relate name** and **Lock configuration** only work for XRICCs and not for RICCs or Legacy switches.

11.6.3 IP/Cascade Settings

Here the IP elements of the selected DX Central appear as configured in the initial configuration wizard.


IP Address – A Static IP address in the usual dot notation.

Subnet mask – The net mask of the local network.

Default Gateway – Default Gateway address. Where the DX system is accessible from networks other than the local one, this IP address must be set to the local network router's IP address.

SNMP Manager - SNMP - Simple Network Management Protocol is used to collect information and configure network devices on IP networks. Type the IP address of the SNMP Manager to send log traps of the DX system.

Send Log Trap check box – When checked SNMP log traps are sent to the SNMP Manager. The log traps are sent as soon as an event occurs. You can choose the events to be sent in the View/Activity Log window, see page 2.

Configure cascade options – When you add or remove a cascaded DX Central you must reconfigure the cascade status of the DX system. This is done using the Configuration wizard as described on page 2. To display the Configuration wizard, click .

11.6.4 Extensions

Enable Screen Saver – Check to enable the DX screen saver. The screen saver appears if there is no activity for 5 minutes after the Timeout login screen appears. This 5 minute time period cannot be altered.

Enable Direct Connection - Check to enable Users to use a hotkey to directly connect to a device without having to access the AIM. See **Direct Hotkey** on page 2 above.

Use consistent hotkey – Using consistent hotkey assigns Direct hotkeys to servers according to the Server port number that they are physically connected to. When not using consistent hotkey, direct hotkeys are assigned in sequence number order.

For example, supposing there are 3 servers in the system, and they are connected to Server ports 3, 7 and 12. Using consistent hotkey assigns hotkeys as:

Ctrl, Ctrl, 3, Enter.

Ctrl, Ctrl, 7, Enter

Ctrl, Ctrl, 12, Enter.

Not using consistent hotkeys, assigns hotkeys as:

Ctrl, Ctrl, 1, Enter.

Ctrl, Ctrl, 2, Enter.

Ctrl, Ctrl, 3, Enter.

The hotkeys appear in the Details view of the Servers window - see page 2.

11.6.5 Time Settings

Set the time and date so that the logs will record the correct time of the events.

12. Creating/editing Users and Groups

An Administrator can create and edit Users and Groups. These Groups can have different access permissions such as access only to certain servers or viewing of servers only with no option to control. These permissions can be altered by an Administrator. All this is explained in more detail below.

To create/edit Users and Groups:

From the View menu choose Users and Groups. The Users and Groups window appears. See Figure 49.

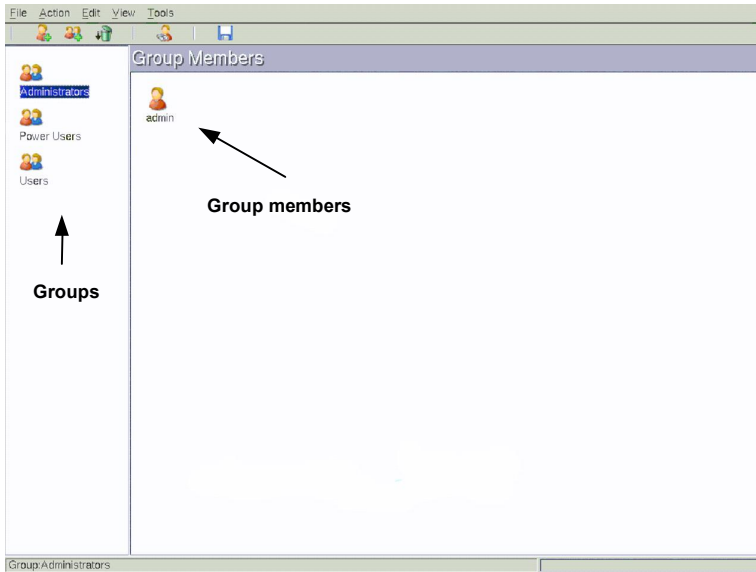


Figure 49 Users and Groups window

By default there are 3 Groups in the Groups column. Each Group has specific access rights that cannot be altered.

The 3 default Groups are:

Group	Access rights
Administrators	Full access and power management of all computers. Plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding and removing devices • Creating Users and Groups • Setting time, date and IP address
Power Users	Full access and power management of all computers
Users	Full access to all computers

To display the members of a group, select the Group. All group members appear in the Group Members section. By default there is 1 Administrator in the Administrators Group. All other users must be created by an Administrator.

12.1 Toolbar buttons

You create and edit Users and Groups using the Toolbar buttons. The table below explains the functions of the Toolbar buttons.

Button	Function
	Add User
	Add Group
	Delete
	Properties
	Save

12.2 Creating Groups

An Administrator can create Groups and give them tailor-made access permissions.

To create a Group:

Press . The Add New Group box appears. See Figure 50.

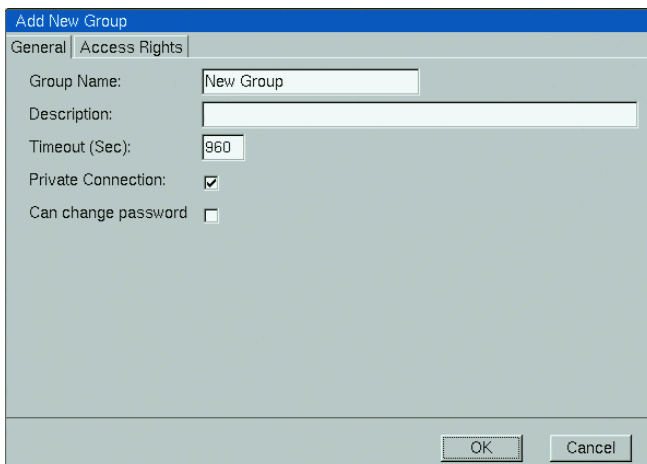


Figure 50 Add New Group box

12.2.1 General information tab elements

Group name – Edit the Group name here.

Description – type a description of the group.

Timeout –After this period of inaction a Group member is forced out of the system and must re-login. You can type a different Timeout period.

Private connection – When a Group member accesses a computer, Private connection gives the option to prevent other users from viewing the computer.

Can change password – check to allow members to change their passwords.

12.2.2 Access Rights tab

Click the Access Rights tab, the Access box appears. See Figure 51.

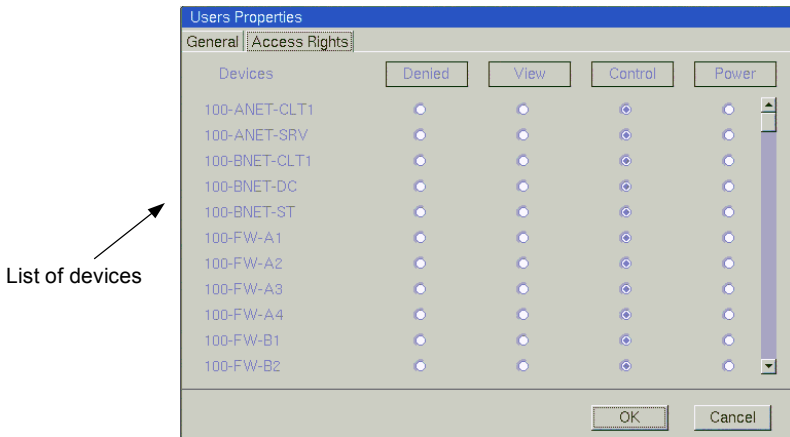


Figure 51 Access Rights tab

Here the Administrator defines the access rights for each connected device.

Go through each device defining the following access rights:

Denied – By default access is denied to all devices.

View – Check to allow viewing access only – no keyboard/mouse control

Control - Check to allow controlling (and viewing) of the device.

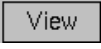
Power – When a power management device is connected to the system, check to allow powering the device on and off (as well as controlling and viewing of the device).

Click **OK** and save changes.

12.2.3 Defining the same access rights for all devices


To give the Group the same access right to every device, click the desired option button at the top of the column.

E.g. to give the Group, viewing access to every device:

Click  and confirm.

12.3 Editing Group access rights

An Administrator can change General information and Access Rights of non-default Groups in the following way:

1. Double-click the Group icon or select the Group icon and click . The Properties box appears. See the figure below.

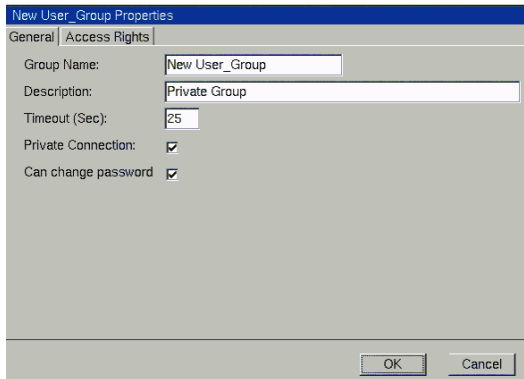


Figure 52 Properties box

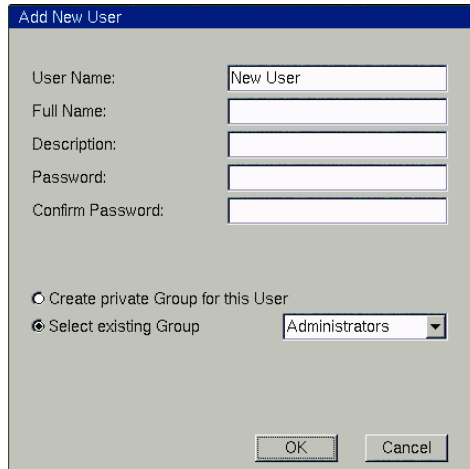
2. Edit the elements of the general tab or the Access Rights tab and click **OK**.
3. Save changes.

12.4 Creating Users

An Administrator can create users. A new user can be added to an existing Group or a new Group can be created for the new user.

To create a User:

Press . The Add New User box appears. See Figure 53.



The 'Add New User' dialog box has a blue title bar. It contains five text input fields: 'User Name' (with 'New User' entered), 'Full Name', 'Description', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. Below these fields are two radio buttons: 'Create private Group for this User' and 'Select existing Group' (which is selected). To the right of the selected radio button is a dropdown menu showing 'Administrators'. At the bottom right are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 53 Add New User box

User Name – Type a name for the User (case sensitive). This name appears below the User's icon in the Users and Groups window.

Full Name - Type the User's full name.

Description – Type a description of the User.


Password/Confirm password – Type a login password and confirm it (case sensitive). This can be left blank, so no password is required at login, just the Username.

Create private Group for the User - Select this option to create a new Group for the User (to which you can define unique access permissions).

Select existing Group - Select this option to place the User into a predefined Group:

Choose the desired Group from the Drop-down menu.


Click **OK**. Where the User is added to an existing Group, a User icon with the User name below it appears in the Group Members section. Where the User has a new Group created for it, a new Group icon also appears in the Group section. The Group name is the same as the User name, plus the word Group.

Click  to save changes.

12.4.1 Editing the User box

An Administrator can edit all the elements that appear in the User box, including the password and he can move the User to a different Group.

To display a User box:

1. Double-click the User icon or select the User icon and click .
2. Edit and click **OK**.
3. Save changes.

12.5 Users and Groups - Details view

You can view the Users and Groups window from the servers' point of view.

To do so:

1. Select View/Details. The Details view appears see Figure 54.
2. Select a server from the list on the left. The permissions for each Group appear on the right.

When you select a Group a list of members appears below.

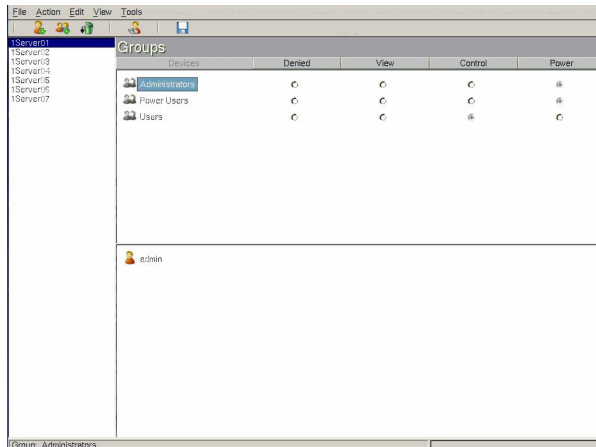


Figure 54 Details view

13. Arranging devices

In the Servers window the Administrator or User can create folders into which devices can be inserted. The User can only view and insert devices that he has rights of access to. The Administrator defines the rights of access – explained above.

13.1 The Servers window

From the View menu select Servers/Devices, the Servers window appears. See Figure 55.

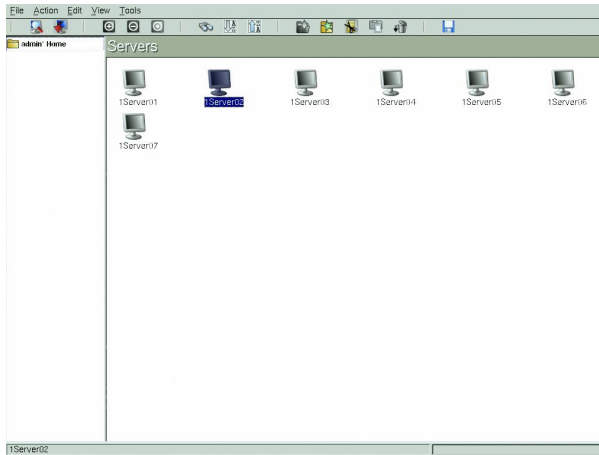









Figure 55 Servers window















13.1.1 Device Icon appearance

The table below explains the color-coding of the icons in the Servers window.

Icon	Meaning
	Disconnected / powered off *
Grey	
	Server connected to PS/2, SUN or USB XRICC or RICC or generic KVM port
Blue	
	User controlling device
	User with Private connection controlling device
Blue	
	User with View Only permission viewing device
	RS232 device connected to XRICC RS232
Green	
	User controlling RS232 device
Green	

* You can select any device even a grey device to e.g. perform a power function, or move it between folders.

The Toolbar buttons and their functions are explained in the following table.


Button	Function
	Connect to server/devices
	Connect to local PC
	Power on (Blue)
	Power off (Red)
	Reboot (Green)
	Search for folder/device by name
	Sort devices alphabetically A-Z
	Sort devices alphabetically Z-A
	1 level up
	Create new folder
	Cut device to paste to another folder
	Paste
	Delete folder
	Save

13.2 Creating a new folder

To create a folder:

From the **Edit** menu, choose **Add Folder**

Or,

Click . A new folder appears.

Type a name for the new folder and press **Enter**.

13.3 Saving changes

To save any changes made in any window:

From the **File** menu click **Save changes**.

Or

Click .

13.4 Deleting and renaming folders

To delete a folder:

1. Highlight the desired folder.
2. From the **Edit** menu choose **Delete Folder** or press **Delete**. The folder deletes.

To rename a folder:

1. Highlight the desired folder.
2. From the **Edit** menu choose **Rename Folder**.
3. Give the folder a new name.

13.5 Adding devices to a folder

To organize your folders, you can place any device inside a folder and you can place one folder inside another folder.

To add devices (or folders) to a folder:

1. Click the device. To select more than one device, hold down **Ctrl** and click the devices.
2. From the **Edit** menu click **Cut**.
3. Click the desired folder.
4. From the Edit menu click **Paste**. The device appears in the chosen folder and is removed from the root.

13.6 Servers/devices display options

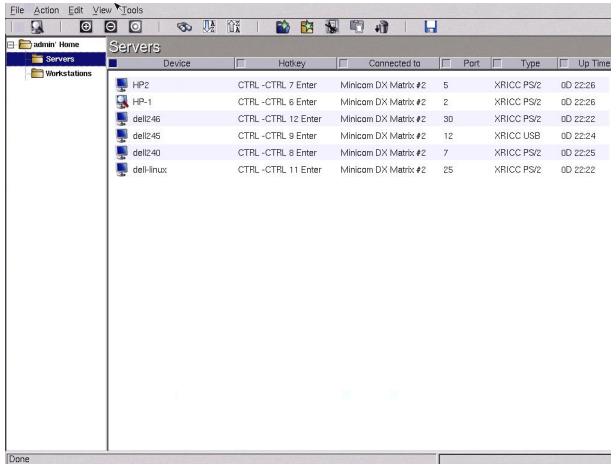
Display the items in the Server window as:

- Icons (default display)
- A list
- A detailed list.

From the View menu choose **Icons**, **List** or **Details**. Figure 56 shows the Details view.

In List view, view up to 100 devices without the need for scrolling.

In Detailed view, you see the device name, Direct hotkey (discussed on page 2), port number, XRICC type etc.




Device	Hotkey	Connected to	Port	Type	Up Time
HP2	CTRL -CTRL 7 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	5	XRICC PS/2	0D 22:26
HP-1	CTRL -CTRL 6 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	2	XRICC PS/2	0D 22:26
dellC46	CTRL -CTRL 12 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	30	XRICC PS/2	0D 22:22
dellC45	CTRL -CTRL 9 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	12	XRICC USB	0D 22:24
dellC40	CTRL -CTRL 8 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	7	XRICC PS/2	0D 22:25
dell-linux	CTRL -CTRL 11 Enter	Minicom DX Matrix #2	25	XRICC PS/2	0D 22:22

Figure 56 Details view

13.7 Accessing devices

To access a device:

From the Servers window double-click a device. Or select the device and click . Or select the device and choose Action/Connect. Or press the hotkey.

For KVM devices, the devices screen appears, and you have KVM control.

For serial devices a Terminal window opens. For a list of Terminal functions and hotkeys, see page 2.

To other users the device appears busy. They can view the screen but cannot take control until the present user logs off or is timed out.

13.7.1 Returning to the DX window

To return to the DX window:

Press left **Shift**, **Shift**.

Or press the hotkey to AIM as defined in the Settings window, see page 2.

13.8 Power on/off, reboot

The power options are available to Administrators and to Users with Power management rights.

To perform these power functions:

1. Select the desired device.
2. Select the desired function from the Toolbar buttons or the Action menu.

14. Scanning a group of servers

You can set up a group of servers, and scan their monitors at a speed that you choose.

To set up a scan group:

1. From the Action menu choose Scan. The Scan box appears see Figure 57.

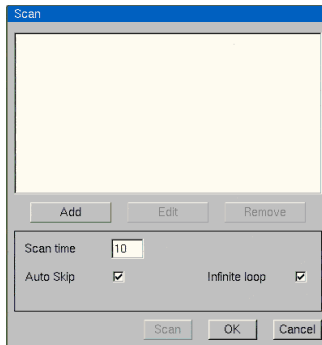


Figure 57 Scan box

2. Click . The New Scan Group box appears. See Figure 58

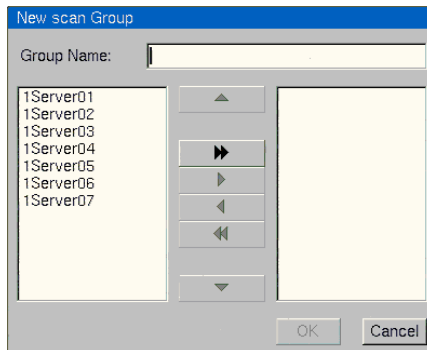








Figure 58 New Scan Group box

3. Type a name for the group in the Group Name box.

4. From the list of servers on the left, highlight the desired servers/devices and press . To add all servers (without highlighting), press . The servers transfer to the right and are included in the scan group.
To remove servers from the scan group: Highlight the desired server and press . To remove all servers (without highlighting), press .
5. Use the  and  arrows to change the order of the servers in the scan group.
6. Click **OK**. The Scan box reappears.
7. Set the scan time. Check Auto skip to automatically skip unconnected servers. Check Infinite Loop to make the scan un-ending.
8. Select the group to scan.
9. Press **Scan**, the scan activates.
10. To exit scan, press **Esc**.

15. Adjusting the picture quality

Where the picture quality is unsatisfactory, you can adjust the picture quality of each computer.

To do so:

1. In Servers window, click once on the desired computer's icon.
2. From the Action menu select **Video Tuning**. The selected computer's screen appears.
3. Use the keyboard Up, Down and Left, Right Arrow keys to adjust the picture.
4. When the picture is satisfactory, press **Esc**. The Servers window reappears.
5. Apply the changes to the tuned computer or to all the servers connected to the device.

16. Connect - Private

This option appears in the Action menu and is available to Administrators and to Users with private connection rights. See page 2.

To activate Connect - Private:

1. Select the desired device.
2. From the Action menu select **Connect - Private**. Other Users are prevented from viewing the selected computer.

17. Disconnect User

An Administrator can disconnect a user from any device.

To disconnect a user:

1. Select the desired server/device.
2. From the Action menu select **Disconnect User**. The user is disconnected from the device.

18. Connecting to a local computer

When a DX User is connected to an optional local computer, select **Action/Local Computer** to work on the local computer.

To exit the local computer, press left **Shift**, **Shift**.

Alternatively you can toggle between the DX AIM and the local PC by pressing the hotkey - explained on page 2.

19. Updating the DX Central

To update the firmware, the DX system must be connected and switched on.

You update the DX Central firmware using the DX Central Update program which is located on the Minicom Flash USB key. To obtain the latest firmware, go to www.minicom.com and look in the Support menu. With the Update program you can also check the DX central version number, change the DX Central settings, restore factory defaults, backup the DX system database and load a saved database.

19.1 System requirements for the DX Central Update program

- Pentium class computer with 128 MB RAM and 10 MB free Hard Drive space
- Windows 2000 or later

19.2 Running the DX Central Update

Install the program on any Windows-based computer connected to the DX network.



A shortcut icon appears on the Desktop . There are 2 Update options:

- DX Central Update
- Upgrading from V1.9 to V2

Where you have V1.9 installed you must first upgrade from V1.9 to V2. Once V2 is installed you use the DX Central Update program. The Desktop icon only opens the DX Central Update.

19.2.1 Upgrading from V1.9 to V2.0

1. Select Start/Programs/DX Central Update/ DX Upgrader 1.9x to 2.0. The DX Central box appears. See Figure 59.



Figure 59 DX Central IP address

2. The default IP address of the DX Central appears. If the IP address is different, type in the correct IP address and click **OK**. The DX Central Update Utility box appears see Figure 60.

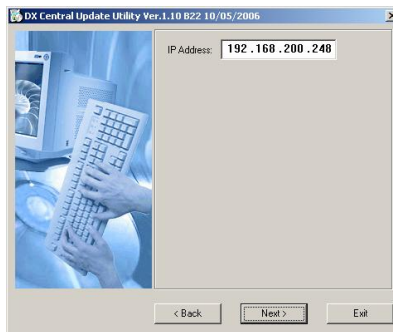


Figure 60 DX Central Update Utility box

3. Click **Next**. The Update Options screen appears. See Figure 61.

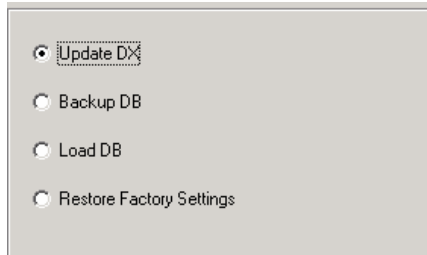


Figure 61 Update Options screen

4. Check Update DX and click **Next**.
5. Locate the V2 upgrade file and click **Open**. The firmware upgrades. Once the DX Central firmware is upgraded to V2, all future updates are done using the DX Central Update program.

19.2.2 DX Central Update

All updates for DX Central with V2 firmware are done through DX Central Update.

1. Select Start/Programs/DX Central Update/ DX Central Update or click the Desktop icon. The Welcome to DXC update utility box appears. See Figure 62.

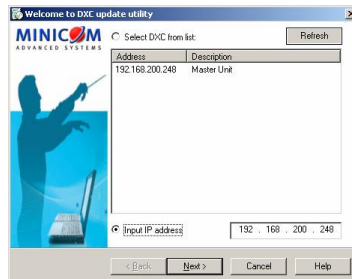


Figure 62 Welcome to DXC update utility

2. Select the DX Central to be upgraded from the list or type the DX Central address in the Input IP address box. Click **Next**. The login box appears, see Figure 63.



Figure 63 Login box

3. Type the administrator username and password, and click **OK**. The DXC update utility options appear, see Figure 64.



Figure 64 DXC update utility options

You can choose any of the following:

- Check version
- DX Central Settings (Check and/or change the settings)
- Update the DX Central firmware
- Restore factory defaults – and erase the current database
- Backup System (database)
- Restore System (by loading a saved database)

To do any of the above, check the desired option and click **Next**.

4. Under DX Central Settings, you can change the DX Central network settings or IP address.

To update the firmware or load a saved database, locate the file and click **Open**.

To backup the database, save the current database to the Hard drive.

To restore factory defaults, press **OK**.

20. Updating the DX User and XRICCS/RICCs

From the DX AIM you can update the firmware for the:

- DX User unit
- XRICCs – PS/2, SUN and USB
- RICC PS/2

To obtain the latest firmware for your system go to www.minicom.com and look in the Support section.

Warning!

Never switch off any User unit or computer connected to the system during the updating process.

1. Download the latest firmware to your hard disk and unzip it to the Minicom Flash USB key.
2. From the DX GUI, select Tools/Update. The Update window appears see Figure 65.

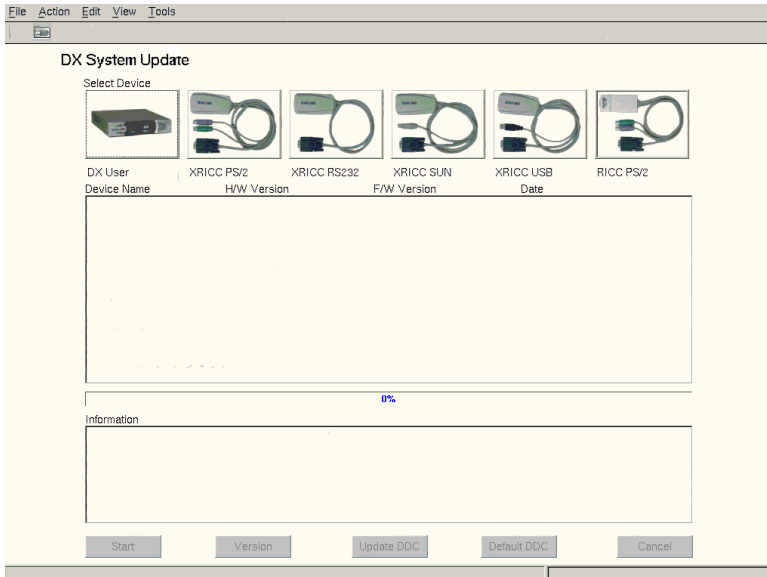
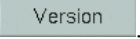


Figure 65 Update window

3. Insert the USB key into a USB port of a DX User.
4. Click the picture of the device type to be updated. When selecting the DX User, it's version details appear in the middle section.

For the XRICCs and RICCs select the ones to be updated from the list. To select them all, click the one at the top of the list, hold down **Shift** and click the one at the bottom of the list. To select more than one, hold down **Ctrl** and click the desired devices. For the version details click . The version details appear.

5. Select File/Open or click . The Open File box appears, see Figure 66.

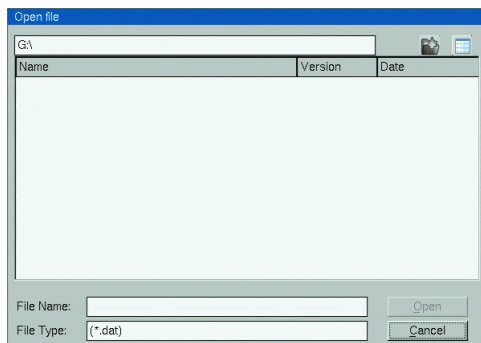

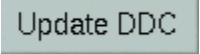


Figure 66 Open File box

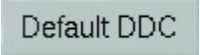
6. Select the firmware file and click Open. The file appears in the information section of the Update window.
7. Select . The firmware updates.
8. Reboot the DX User unit.

20.1 DDC buttons

All XRICCs come with the default DDC information of: 1024x768@75Hz. Where the monitor connected to the DX User has a different resolution, select all

XRICCs/RICCs and press .

If you need to return the XRICCs to the default DDC information, select all the

XRICCs/RICCs and press .

21. Events log

View a log of all the activities that have occurred during the latest session. See the event, date, time, username of the event initiator and where applicable, a brief description of the event.

To view the log:


Select View/Activity Log. The Log window appears see Figure 67.

Tag	Event	Date	Time	User	Description
1	Login	2006-07-10	13:37:17	admin	
2	Logout	2006-07-10	08:57:02	admin	
3	Login	2006-07-10	08:40:01	admin	
4	Logout	2006-07-10	08:57:08	admin	
5	Disconnect User	2006-07-10	08:21:08	admin	
6	Settings	2006-07-10	08:21:54	admin	
7	Central unit IP	2006-07-10	08:20:58		Minicom DX Metric #1:192.168.2.248-->192.168.200.248
8	Security mode	2006-07-10	08:20:50	admin	
9	Login	2006-07-09	15:10:31	admin	
10	Logout	2006-07-09	14:57:21	admin	
11	Login	2006-07-09	14:58:44	admin	
12	Logout	2006-07-09	16:24:38	admin	
13	Login	2006-07-09	15:41:40	admin	
14	Logout	2006-07-09	14:01:59	admin	
15	Login	2006-07-09	13:39:46	admin	
16	Logout	2006-07-09	13:33:33	fred	
17	Login	2006-07-09	13:32:36	fred	
18	Logout	2006-07-09	13:32:25	admin	
19	Disconnect User	2006-07-09	13:32:23	admin	
20	User added or removed	2006-07-09	13:32:20	admin	Added fred
21	Access permissions changed	2006-07-09	13:32:16	admin	Group: view only
22	Group added or removed	2006-07-09	13:32:15	admin	Added: view only
23	Login	2006-07-09	13:18:48	admin	
24	Logout	2006-07-09	11:31:54	admin	
25	Login	2006-07-09	11:05:29	admin	
26	Logout	2006-07-09	10:58:07	admin	
27	Login	2006-07-09	10:58:57	admin	
28	Invalid login	2006-07-09	10:20:49		User name: admin
29	Logout	2006-07-09	10:19:23	admin	
30	Disconnect User	2006-07-09	09:55:26	admin	
31	Settings	2006-07-09	09:55:24	admin	
32	Security mode	2006-07-09	09:55:15	admin	
33	Login	2006-07-09	09:50:30	admin	

Figure 67 Log window

21.1 Configuring Log Traps

By default event logging is disabled. An Administrator can configure which log traps to send to the SNMP Manager as follows:

1. Click . The Log Settings window appears see Figure 68.

Events Category	Info	Error	Warning
Actions			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connect	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disconnect	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power On	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power Off	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power Restart	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Connect	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disconnect User	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scan	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuning	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autodetect	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Login			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Login	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logout	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invalid login	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Users and Groups Settings			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Password changed	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> User added or removed	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

OK Default Cancel

Figure 68 Log Settings

2. Scroll down the list. Check those you wish to be sent. To check or uncheck all events click the events category button at the top of the column.

3. You can choose the icon that appears in the Type column in the Log window to an event - Figure 67. There are 3 icon options – info, error and warning. To change an individual event icon, check the appropriate column in the Log Settings window. To have all events with the same icon, press the appropriate button at the top of the column.

Note: You can always return to the default status by pressing the Default button.

The Log is saved in the DX Central memory and when configured, is sent to the SNMP Manager.

21.2 Clearing the Log

To clear the log:

Press .

21.3 Saving the Log

You can save the current log to the Flash USB key.

To do so:

1. Insert the USB key into the USB drive.

2. Press .

3. Save the file. The Log is saved in Tab – delimited format. You can read it using any ASCII text editor

22. Troubleshooting - Resetting the DX Central

If you need to reset the DX Central, press the Reset button on the rear panel. The XRICCs are unaffected by this reset.

23. USB / SUN Combo keys

The connected PS/2 keyboard does not have a special SUN keypad to perform special functions in the SUN Operating System environment. So when a XRIIC USB or SUN is connected to a SUN computer, the XRIIC emulates these SUN keys using a set of key combinations called Combo keys. See the table below.

SUN key	Combo key
Stop	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F1
Props	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F3
Front	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F5
Open	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F7
Find	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F9
Again	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F2
Undo	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F4
Copy	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F6
Paste	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F8
Cut	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F10
Help	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F11
Compose	Application key or Left Ctrl + Left Alt + Keypad *
Crescent	Scroll Lock
Volume Up	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + Keypad –
Volume Down	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + Keypad +
Mute	Left Ctrl + Left Alt + F12
Sun Left ◊ key	Left Windows key
Sun Right ◊ key	Right Windows key
Alt-Graph	Right Alt or Alt Gr
Stop A	Left Ctrl + Left Alt +1

24. Technical specifications

System	
Operating systems	Novell, LINUX, Windows, UNIX SUN, MAC and other major operating systems
Resolution	1600 X1200 @75Hz
User to server distance	200m/660ft
System cable	CAT5, CAT6, CAT7
Operating temp.	0° to 40°C/32° to 104°F
Storage temp.	-40°C to 40°C/-40°F to 104°F
Security	Password, multiple User Profiles
Management	Multilingual AIM Advanced Integrated Management,
Mouse Support	PS/2, Wheel mouse, 5-button mouse, Microsoft intellimouse
Warranty	3 Years

DX units			
	DX Central Unit	DX User Unit	DXU IP
Cables/Connectors	Server Ports – 32 RJ45 Users – 4/8 RJ45 Serial – 2 X DB9 LAN – RJ45 Power	System – RJ45 Local Console and CPU KVM + Serial Video – HDD15 K/M – MiniDin6 Serial – 2 X DB9 Power 2 X USB	System – RJ45 Local Console + Serial Video – HDD15 K/M – MiniDin6 Serial – 2 X DB9 LAN – RJ45 Power 2 X USB
Rack Mountable	Yes		
Dimensions	43.2x27x4cm / 17X11X1.6"	21.6x27x4cm / 8.5X11X1.6"	43.2x27x4cm / 17X11X1.6"
Power supply input rating	100 – 250 VAC 50/60 Hz		

RICCS					
	RICC PS/2 for DX	XRICC PS/2	XRICC SUN	XRICC USB	XRICC RS232
Server to DX Central Distance	10m/33ft	100m/330ft			
Cables/Connectors	System - RJ45				
	Video – HDD15				
	K/M - MiniDin6	K/M – MiniDin8	K/M - USB	Serial DB9 Power - Jack	
Rack mountable	Yes				
Power supply	From Keyboard			From USB	Power Adapter or from USB
Dimensions	24x91x41mm / 0.94x3.58x1.61”	26x91x45mm / 1.05x3.58x1.77”			

25. Terminal hotkeys

Hotkey	Function
Ctrl + A, F	Send break
Ctrl + A, E	Clear screen
Ctrl + A, T	Change terminal setting
Ctrl + A, E	Local echo on/off
Ctrl + A, A	Add line feed on/off
Ctrl + A, D	Browse history
Ctrl + A, W	Line warp

26. Safety

The device must only be opened by an authorized Minicom technician. Disconnect device from AC mains before service operation!

The DX Central units contain a lithium battery. Caution. Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.

27. User guide feedback

Your feedback is very important to help us improve our documentation. Please email any comments to: ug.comments@minicom.com

Please include the following information: Guide name, part number and version number (as appears on the front cover).

28. WEEE Compliance

WEEE Information for Minicom Customers and Recyclers

Under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive and implementing regulations, when customers buy new electrical and electronic equipment from Minicom they are entitled to:

- Send old equipment for recycling on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis (this varies depending on the country)
- Send the new equipment back for recycling when this ultimately becomes waste

Instructions to both customers and recyclers/treatment facilities wishing to obtain disassembly information are provided in our website www.minicom.com.

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